

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Section and Amend a Section of the Air Quality Regulations

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a proceeding to adopt an air quality permit-by-rule for combined heat-and-power (CHP) systems as new section 22a-174-3d of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA). A minor revision to RCSA section 22a-174-3a(a)(2) is also proposed to take into account the proposed adoption of RCSA section 22a-174-3d.

The proposed permit-by-rule is available to the owners of CHP projects of less than 10 MW capacity that meet the applicability requirements for an individual permit under DEEP's new source review (NSR) permit program. An owner of such a CHP project may operate under the permit-by-rule as an alternative to obtaining a NSR permit. Operation under the permit-by-rule reduces the time for the owner of a new CHP system to obtain a permit from about seven months to zero days and provides the owner with certainty as to the requirements under which the CHP system will operate. The proposed rule includes all the restrictions necessary to limit emissions of air pollutants from a regulated CHP system to a level that protects air quality and public health.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposal. Comments should be submitted no later than December 13, 2012 to Merrily A. Gere, DEEP, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 424-4064 or by electronic mail to merrily.gere@ct.gov.

In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person giving oral comment at the hearing will be asked to submit a written copy of such comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING
December 13, 2012
1:30 PM
DEEP, 5th Floor, Holcombe Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT**

Copies of the proposal described above, the fiscal impact analysis, and a statement required by section 22a-6(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) are available for public inspection during normal business hours from Merrily A. Gere at the Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. The same documents are posted on DEEP's website at the following location:

http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=331220&depNav_GID=1619

For further information, contact Merrily A. Gere of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-4152 or by electronic mail to merrily.gere@ct.gov.

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The authority to adopt the proposal is granted by CGS sections 22a-6 and 22a-174.

October 31, 2012
Date

Daniel C. Esty
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Commissioner